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Testimony in Opposition of SB1199 AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITY IN EDUCATION.

Dear Chairmen and Members of the Education Committee,

The CT Republican Assembly is an organization which has members and friends totalling over 500 Republicans and conservatives across the eight counties of Connecticut. We stand firm in our principles and unalienable Rights under the US Constitution, as well as the Rights and responsibilities within the Connecticut Constitution. I am Anne Manusky, 25 year resident of Connecticut, former Licensed Professional Counselor, and current President of the CT Republican Assembly.

On a personal level, I have been providing testimony in regard to education improvement for almost ten years, since Common Core was adopted.

There are many issues within this proposed bill. One being the number of committees, etc. that have been adopted yet the education system is sorely lacking, as per the Heritage Institute Freedom national status, putting Connecticut's education at the bottom fifth of the nation. Sub measures exist in this ranking.

The most egregious point must be this

Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 10-25b of the general statutes is 328 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 329 2023): 330 (b) The content of the model curriculum shall (1) be rigorous, age331 appropriate, aligned with curriculum guidelines approved by the State 332 Board of Education and in accordance with the state-wide subject matter 333 content standards, adopted by the state board pursuant to section 10-4, 334 (2) be in accordance with the program of instruction and subject matter 335 requirements prescribed in section 10-16b, and (3) include and integrate 336 throughout such model curriculum at least the following: (A) The 337 subject matter prescribed in section 10-16b, (B) Native American studies, 338 (C) Asian American and Pacific Islander studies, (D) lesbian, gay, 339 bisexual, transgender, queer and other sexual orientations and gender 340 identities studies, (E) climate change, (F) personal financial 341 management and financial literacy, (G) the military service and 342 experience of American veterans, (H) civics and citizenship, including 343 instruction in digital citizenship and media literacy that provides 344 students with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely, ethically, 345 responsibly and effectively use digital technologies to create and Raised Bill No. 1199 LCO No. 5415 12 of 16 346 consume digital content, communicate with others and participate in 347 social and civic activities, (I) the principles of social-emotional learning, 348 [and] (J) racism, (K) cursive writing, and (L) world languages beginning 349 in kindergarten.

Social Emotional Learning, Racism, Cursive Writing...

The State legislature continues to move policies around the statutes, and what has been modified under "COVID" is seriously concerning.

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To Note, Connecticut Public Schools may adopt the model curriculum as under [22-38 Senate Bill](#)

Will the 2024 session change the word from may to shall? Force of our education system has changed it to a dictatorship; indoctrination. It is the next stop on the ED Committee's train of destruction of public education.

Additional concerns in the bill are in Section 3 "scholarships: through the Commissioner of Education, as well as the "Aspiring Educators Diversity" program...

Sadly, Advisory and other Committees created by the State Board /Department of Education and Legislature have been questionable: if not, we wouldn't have a public indoctrination system, we would have an education system, and a state in good standing!

There is widespread concern in regard to public education in Connecticut. It is unfortunate that the enrollment in Connecticut public schools has had a downward spiral in the last 10 years, and that the State Board and Secretary of Education continue to ignore this fact.

Having followed our state education policies for the last 10 years, I have always hoped that the Session will provide improvement in education. I had hoped something in the Department of Education's recommendations would find improvement, but it's not so. In reading this bill, there was no mention in changing [Common Core](#), [CRT](#), [Social Emotional Learning](#) or [Comprehensive Sexuality Education](#), which was now added to SB 1 AAC Transparency in Education bill, and left out of Senator Looney's testimony.

All which exist in some form or another under the State Department of Education promotions in state statutes and Department Policies.

The Healthy and Balanced Living Framework, which was [exposed for the gender push](#) would be brought into a new light and revised. None of this was in the recommendation.

SB 1 in regard to "transparency in education" is a ruse: Taxpayers pay for public education and have been dealt a blow by the insidious actions of the State Board /Department of Education, CAGE, CAPSS ED Committee. Somehow Senator Looney in his testimony left out [Comprehensive Sexuality Education](#) in his transparent testimony of SB 1?

The public schools are now government indoctrination centers. Parents and residents need to know how to work to educate their children outside of the government system. The People always have the Right to determine if their children at the local school district are being psychologically and sexually abused by the school system, and should consider taking action.

Vote No. Remove Connecticut from its bottom place in education in the nation.

Sincerely,

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